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Mr. John T. Campbell, Head  
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Dear John:

Our several customers here in Washington were distressed this morning that we had not presented them with the full text of Zhukov's speech following his Order of the Day on 22 February in observance of the Soviet Armed Forces Day. The fact that this speech had not been broadcast, and has not as of 1040 EST 23 February, in no way lessens their intensity and persistence.

It occurred to me that since Reuters is a paying subscriber to the TASS Hellschreiber Service, and since you are in effect a sub-subscriber, that it might be possible under the terms of your arrangement with Reuters to protest non-receipt of this important speech. Admittedly, there would be no way of bringing pressure on TASS, but if we assume that TASS is interested in providing a first-class news service they might be interested in Reuters' reaction.

I would appreciate hearing from you whether you contemplate any such action and whether or not such a tactic could be used in future cases.

Sincerely,

Chief, FBIS

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cc: Chief, London Bureau

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